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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful review of the claims, specification, and drawings.

Claims 3 and 18 have been amended to correct editorial problems.

Claims 7-8, 21-25, 29-37, 45, and 55-58 have been withdrawn.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 9-20, 26-28, 38-44, 46-54 are pending.

It is respectfully submitted that each and every feature recited in the amended drawing, specification, and/or amended claims are fully supported in the specification as filed. No new subject matter has been added.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

If any petition is required to facilitate the entry of the present amendment, please consider this communication a petition therefore as well. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2284 (Order No. LMRX-P023/P1130).

Respectfully submitted,

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